GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO RETIRED SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme to provide financial assistance to sports persons who have retired or are unable to perform due to medical grounds/ old age etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of assistance provided to retired sports persons during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Union Government has formulated two schemes namely `National Welfare Fund for Sports persons` and `Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sports

Persons` for providing pension as well as lump-sum financial assistance to the sports persons winning medal in National and International sports events. Under the scheme of Sports

(c) Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sports Persons, pensions @ Rs.2500/- per month are sanctioned to meritorious sports persons for winning medals in Olympic Games and Gold medals in World Cup/World Championships and @Rs.2000/- for winning Silver and Bronze medals in World Cup/World Championships and Gold medal in Asian and Commonwealth Games for their life times from the age of 30 years.

Under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sports Persons, monthly pensions upto Rs.2500/- as well as lump -sum financial assistance not exceeding Rs.40,000/- for medical treatment are sanctioned to those sports persons who have played in national/ international level and living in indigent circumstances.

(c) There is no provision for giving the pension state-wise under this scheme. However, the financial assistance sanctioned to those retired sports persons, who are living in indigent condition during the last three years, are as under:

Year	Amount
1997-98	Rs.7,89,000/-
1998-99	Rs.12,03,000
1999-2000	Rs.10,25,300/-